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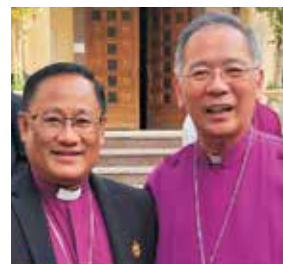
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*The Editorial Board wishes its members
a Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year*



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The beaming of the historic on-line service to the worldwide Anglican Communion of the retirement of the Rt Revd Datuk Ng Moon Hing, Bishop of the Diocese of West Malaysia took place on 12



November 2020 at 5pm in St Mary's Cathedral. It was a moment of sadness at the leaving of one who had had a tremendous impact on the church, locally and internationally, but it was also a time of deep satisfaction that within a short span of thirteen years, tremendous strides had been made in the area of church planting and creation of an expanded clergy equipped with the skills needed to take the Diocese to the next level.

Tributes have come in swiftly from the many nations and peoples Bishop Moon Hing has ministered to and this surely is a testimony to the kind of person he is – truly loved by many and a man after God's own heart. Without his ceremonial robes, mitre and crosier Bishop Moon Hing would have blended easily into being just another member of the congregation, unassuming, gentle, kind, patiently explaining when necessary, and that was exactly what he was, yet by God's grace he had become more than that.

We wish you all of God's blessings Bishop Moon Hing, as one door closes and you stride towards the newly opened one to do that which you must, for the glory of the Lord.

Blowing The 3rd Trumpet

– Call to Action

by The Rt Revd Datuk Ng Moon Hing
Bishop of the Diocese of West Malaysia

The prevalent thinking on the pandemic Covid-19 is that it will be over by next year if a vaccine is found and proved suitable. The Church of God however has been led to a new paradigm of doing church in a different manner. The pandemic has caused many church buildings to be closed, but it has not closed any church fellowship. The Church of God has gone back to the New Testament days where people are more familiar meeting in smaller groups at home and having virtual fellowships. The online services and webinars, the Alpha online course on marriage, youth and small group meetings have attracted many people who otherwise would not have been reached. This pandemic has also reviewed the weaker and inadequate aspects of the Church, such as the issue of loneliness faced by singles and senior citizens, people with disabilities and migrant workers, issues of mental health, family tension and unrest, insecurity and phobias and financial needs. This has reminded us to call for stronger and urgent action to patch up the gaps and loopholes. It is only natural for the Diocese to move toward a two-prong strategy – on the one hand an **Inward Action** - to get our battling squad, the body, mind and spirit, ready and on the other hand a **Forward Action** - a readiness to launch out to take possession. The Scripture reminds us of such a **Trumpet Call – A Call for Action** in the Book of Joshua 6:2-5,

“See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valour. You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns



*before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall **blow the trumpets**. And when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him.”*

I believe this pandemic is the 3rd Trumpet Call i.e. God’s way of telling us to ‘take stock’ – Inward Action – to strengthen the weak, increase the few, encourage the down-hearted, build up the feeble, replenish the stock, arouse the sleepy, enhance the bold, sharpen the skillful and deploy the able; after the pandemic, the people will be ready for a *Forward Action* - to ‘go up and take possession’.

I feel that I am an archetype of a little ‘Moses’, preparing the Diocese to come to the edge of the ‘Promised Land’ and handing the mantle to the next Bishop

who will then take the Diocese forward. There is no turning back except to move forward. Of course, the next Bishop will still have his challenges before him seeing the Diocese finally reaching the next phase of ministry – to God be the glory when that day comes.

I am so grateful to the whole Diocese for struggling and bearing with me, and my idiosyncrasies, all these thirteen and a half years. We have progressed in many ways yet there is still room for improvement and enhancement. I have, however two regrets which I feel very strongly about - first, I have not succeeded in motivating and moving the Diocese from a maintenance mode to a forward-looking mode

in evangelism, discipleship training and church planting; second, I have not succeeded in a wholesome mode of equipping and raising the next generation of disciple-leadership. I believe the next Bishop will have a tall order to lead the Diocese towards the high calling of God. However, I truly believe that upon the one God has called and chosen, He will surely prepare, equip and walk beside him by day with the pillar of cloud and by night with the pillar of fire, as He did in the days of the children of God in the wilderness.

I sincerely wish to thank the whole Diocese for your generous understanding, love and prayers which have kept me and my family in the grace and mercy of God. **AM**

The 14th Ordination and Commissioning Service

by Viola Wu



The laying on of hands on the ordained clergyman

Tuesday, 29 September 2020 marked a significant day in the liturgical life of the Anglican Church of West Malaysia. A total of 97 physical attendees gathered at St Mary's Cathedral Kuala Lumpur along with an additional 250+ online attendees to witness the ordination and commissioning of 20 young men and women for service in the Anglican Diocese with thirteen coming from the Diocese of West Malaysia and another seven coming from Holy Spirit Bukit Bintang. Adding to the monumental sense of occasion, the service also marked the 14th and final Ordination and Commissioning service conducted by Bishop Ng Moon Hing who is due to retire in November.

In accordance with the rich tradition of the Anglican Communion the service commenced with the crucifer leading a procession of Senior Deaconesses, Examining Chaplains, Diocesan Officers, Cathedral Wardens, Canons, Dean, Archdeacons, Suffragan Bishops, Bishop and Bishop's Chaplain to the front. This

was followed prayers of penitence and confession, the corporate reading of Gloria in Excelsis and the Collects, before culminating in a heartfelt and profound sermon from the Bishop.

The Bishop began by acknowledging the challenges that comes with faithfully stepping into ministry, yet encouraged those being ordained and commissioned to always remember that it is nonetheless a crucial and fulfilling step. The four-point sermon, based on the lectionary, focused on serving with a fullness of heart and expressed through willingness, passion and obedience. He specifically spoke on the need to 1) Worship God (Genesis 28:10-17) – as those ordained and commissioned, the most important thing is to worship God with our hearts and to consistently worship and follow His holy ways; 2) Word of God (Psalm 103:19-22) – to protect, proclaim, progress and not misuse the Word of God; 3) Witness in season and out (Rev 12:7-12) - to witness to the light of our lives, and be a righteous testimony of the blood

of the Lamb of God and its impact on our lives; 4) Watch and pray (John 1:47-51) – to continuously contemplate the things of God and press in to God in prayer so that “[we] will see heaven open up” (John 1). Lastly, the Bishop pragmatically ended on the fact that as leaders, no one is able to carry their burdens by themselves absent from the Holy Spirit, who is always with us.

One of the most powerful and heart-moving moments of the service was the laying of hands by the Bishop upon all the candidates – namely the six ordained priests - Revd Avean Elvin, Revd Benammie Anak John, Revd Gavin Yang Wan Shin, Revd Karma Thung, Revd Alex Kong Teck Soon, nine ordained deacons - Ev Andrew A/L Doraisingam, Ev. Paul Khoo Boo Huat, Ev Sakthe Kumar A/L Jacob Muthiah, Ang Joo Tat, Peter, Augustine Gnanamani A/L L. Arul Packiam, Ronley Ansoi, Abel Cheah Sze Wei, Adrian Nicholi Vincent, Stewart Mcilrath and the five commissioned deaconesses - Ev Pong Ah Yan, Abigail Beth Mcilrath, Jacintha Ganit Tagal,

Charlotte Ng Jia Lerd and Melissa Theng Phooi Yew. This was then followed by the presentation of the Bible and the Symbols as a sign of the authority which God gives to each individual to preach the gospel of Christ and in the case of the ordained Priests, to minister His holy Sacraments. The service concluded with a beautiful expression of unity and celebration with Holy Communion, the corporate singing of “To God be the glory”, a final blessing by the Bishop and fellowship over dinner.

An interesting feature of this ordination service was to see families being involved in the ordination. We had the commissioning of Charlotte Ng daughter of Bishop Ng and his wife Deaconess Siew Lan as deaconess and the ordination of



Stewart McIlrath as deacon and his wife Abigail Beth McIlrath commissioned as deaconess.



All in, it was a profoundly moving service. We rejoice in the Lord's faithfulness and give thanks that the future of the church in Malaysia is alive and well.

To God be the glory. **AM**



The ordained priests



The ordained deacons



The commissioned deaconesses

Thanksgiving Service for Bishop Ng Moon Hing

by Revd Lee Kon Min

On 12 November 2020 a simple on-line Service of Thanksgiving was conducted in St Mary's Cathedral Kuala Lumpur for the outgoing Bishop of the Diocese of West Malaysia, The Rt Revd Datuk Ng Moon Hing. The planned on-site Thanksgiving Service had to be cancelled in view of the extension of the CMCO by the Malaysian Government as a result of the spike in cases caused by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

As Dean Andrew Cheah reminded the participants in his introduction, Bishop Moon Hing had a fruitful ministry in the Diocese. He began his ministry in 1986 when he was ordained a priest and in 1991 was instituted Vicar of St Peter's Church Ipoh. Becoming the Diocesan Bishop of West Malaysia in 2007 and then the Archbishop of the Province of South-east Asia in 2016 [and not forgetting his time as Archdeacon of the Lower North region when I first got to know the then 'Archdeacon Moon Hing' (c 2003) during his many ministry excursions to the central region].

Three things stood out from the Thanksgiving Service, the choice of hymn, the choice of sermon passage and the messages from family and ministry colleagues.

Bishop Moon Hing's choice of the hymn 'I Surrender All' was particularly meaningful to him. Throughout the service various verses of this hymn were sung in different languages by congregation members from different language boards of the diocese.



Deaconess Siew Lan reading from Matthew 5:38-48



The Very Revd Andrew Cheah Dean of the Cathedral giving the welcoming address

Bishop Moon Hing's last sermon as Diocesan Bishop was based on a passage from Matthew 5:38-48 read by Bisfe Siew Lan, a reminder to us that Bisfe Siew Lan is God's gift to Bishop Moon Hing as his 'helper' and 'soul mate' throughout their marriage and his ministry. In his sermon, Bishop Moon Hing drew attention to verse 48. In his understanding of 'perfection', since God Himself is perfect, God is calling us His people to travel on the road to perfection. God has set the high standard for everyone so His people need to work towards it. For Bishop Moon Hing that road has been a long 38 years. Despite not knowing what lay ahead, encountering various difficulties and heartaches along the way, he experienced God walking with him all the way. If he were to be given another opportunity to re-live his life again, he would choose to walk the same journey. He cautioned that the journey must not be seen in terms of success or achieving something. It must be seen in terms of working towards perfection, by giving the best that one can, whether time, energy, skill etc.

Bishop Moon Hing then went on to identify three stages of his ministry life.

The first stage was very much a learning process, the time spent at seminary. He learnt much from his lecturers. He journeyed with fellow students, interacting and learning from one another. Some of his fellow seminarians would continue to



Bishop Ng giving his final sermon as Bishop of the Diocese

journey with him as they would serve together in the diocese. The second stage was about how to do ministry, after graduating from seminary He drew inspiration from verses 38 to 41. The big question for him was "What will bring a good result?" Will retaliation and fighting with the sheep help? How can one do good for the sheep? Will walking the extra mile or giving the extra clothing bring about good for ministry? At the time one might find it hard to swallow and accept difficult circumstances but one's attitude must always be to believe and trust in God.

The third stage was hard for Bishop Moon Hing. Becoming Diocesan Bishop was all about managing the diocese. This involved making decisions, formulating policies and chairing meetings. This new role was so different from his previous role that he likened it to a Commander-in-Chief sounding the bugle call but all his generals responding differently to the call intended!

So for Bishop Moon Hing it was a brand new learning process. However, he found inspiration from verses 43 to 44; not that colleagues were enemies but if God called us to love our enemies, how much more should we love our co-workers? If we are called to be God's people, God's children, surely then we are called to live in peace and to strive for peace together. Yes we may have different methodology, even different theological perspectives but together we can praise God for all His children, loved by Him, saved by Him and empowered by Him.

In Bishop Moon Hing's conclusion, he thanked all who had walked, shared and learned together with him and urged everyone in the diocese to walk and journey with Bishop-Designate Canon Dr Steven Abbarow

The third highlight of the service were the messages from family and colleagues. Bishop Moon Hing's children and respective spouses and partners thanked him for his role as parent and for his spiritual guidance. Bishop Moon Hing's fellow bishops from the province, Bishop Dr Titus Chung from the Diocese of Singapore, Bishop Danald



Jute from the Diocese of Kuching and the Archbishop Melter Tais from Diocese of Sabah thanked him for his warm working relationship, his wise counsel, his example in ministry and his camaraderie. There were also messages from the Vicar General Ven Eddie Ong and Bishop-Designate Canon Dr. Steven Abbarow.

The Thanksgiving Service ended with prayers by Bishop Dr Jason Selvaraj, Ven Dr Stephen Soe, Mdm Rethi Grace Balachandran and Mdm Annam

Arumanayagam.

The Thanksgiving Service closed with a prayer for the diocese by Bishop Moon Hing followed by the Blessing and Laying Down of the Pastoral Staff

[It is standard practice for the outgoing Diocesan Bishop to lay down his pastoral staff at the Cathedral, and for the Bishop-Designate to take up the pastoral staff at his enthronement as the new Diocesan Bishop.] **AM**



Reflections on our beloved Father, the Bishop

by Joshua, Sarah and Charlotte Ng

Dear Pakpai (our household address for father), also known as Bishop Moon Hing, You did it. 13 years of blood (?), sweat and tears, you have completed this chapter of your race! Hooray!

We fondly remember that you were called 'The Barefoot Pastor' because of your relentless dedication towards Anglican Village Ministries. You went to great lengths pioneering a local village ministry because you believe the Great Commission would surely include people groups right in our own backyard. We remember because we spent countless nights tagging along long church van rides to New Villages and Orang Asli settlements. Our formative years were spent immersing in your genuine sharing about Biblical truths sprinkled with folklore, stories and current affairs. In our memories, you were thoroughly enjoying what you were doing. So when you were asked to be nominated as a candidate for the post of a bishop the prospect of having to leave some of these behind caused quite a bit of a stir and a healthy dose of "Why me, God?" Nevertheless, after prayer and affirmation, you heeded God's calling and took on the mantle.

"So what does a Bishop do?" "People and conflict management," that was what you told us when we asked, Of course that's an oversimplified answer but we know that is exactly the part you liked the least in your job. Nevertheless, you submitted to the will of God and persisted, day in and day out, listening attentively, counselling, affirming, juggling the never enough resources around, and doing all that was necessary to lead the diocese in the furtherance of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

You know what? You will soon be relieved of all of your official duties, and you actually get to go back to your original passion. Nothing beats waking

up everyday knowing that you will be working on something you like for the rest of the day. Yohanes, your grandson, will be thrilled to hear you recount the stories of your exciting adventures crossing single plank bridges on a motorbike, driving a jeep through the mountainous routes, walking a herd of goats up the hill, spending precious evenings with people eager to hear the good news of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

As always, we will be keeping you in our prayers. Aside from the typical prayer for

peace, wisdom and health, we are also praying for the quick reopening of our country's borders, so that Yohanes can get to spend more quality time with his Ah Gong, grandpa. We are sure you'll be thrilled to answer the 1001 questions he has for you, just as you did for us many moons ago.

Blessed retirement Pakpai. See you on our next WhatsApp Video Call soon.

Love and prayers, **AM**



Tribute from Archdeacon Venerable Eddie Ong

Vicar General of DWM

There are three things about which I wish to describe Bishop Datuk Ng.

The first description has to do with his episcopacy position. For thirteen and a half years, Bishop Moon Hing, by the grace of God, persevered in the given “noble task” of a bishop with diligence, determination, discipline and dedication. He travelled north to south, east and then back to central, to meet the flock under his shepherding care. Then, the Lord gave him more responsibilities in the Province, in denominational gatherings, the global Anglican Communion and many other Christian networks. We have never heard him complain or grumble. To him it is always a great privilege to serve the Lord. As bishop, he is respected and admired by the clergy, the deaconesses and all levels of the laity. Thank you Bishop Ng for carrying out your assigned episcopacy task nobly.

The second description has to do with his passion. At the deepest depth and heartbeat of Bishop Moon Hing is Mission: mission to win souls, mission to disciple new believers, mission to strengthen the faith of his clergy,

deaconesses and parishioners and mission to plant new churches. Even before he became bishop, he had established the new villages and orang asli ministries in the region of Perak. These stand today as a testimony of his labour of love and service. God has honoured his endeavors and synod statistics clearly show progressive growth in manpower, membership, mission centres, money and resources during his tenure as bishop.

The third and final description has to do with his personality. Bishop Moon Hing is a humble and helpful man. He is not to run after pomp and ceremony and titles. Titles like the Archbishop, Most Reverend, Right Reverend or Datuk, helpful though they may be in some circumstances and in some quarters of society, are not Bishop Moon Hing. His focus has always been on the biblical teaching of leadership that is, we are but unworthy slaves and servants of our Master the Lord Jesus Christ. Many of us will remember how he readily assisted Vicars and vergers alike to set up chairs and tables especially in outreach and new church planting ministries in preparation for



church services and after church services to put them away. Bishop Moon Hing, we salute your humility. You have given us a model for servanthood leadership.

There is much more to say about Bishop Moon Hing, but suffice to say, a “Thank you for being our bishop” is all we can say at this moment. You are a man who took on the episcopacy task nobly, you are a man whose heartbeat is for God and His mission, and you are indeed a friend - a humble and helpful servant-leader. What a great pleasure it was to serve alongside you in God’s Church and in His vineyard.

May the Lord bless you and Deaconess Datin Siew Lan, and your family. **AM**

Tribute from the Revd Canon Rachel Carnegie

Executive Director, Anglican Alliance



It is a great privilege to be invited to write a tribute on Bishop Moon Hing on this special occasion. In addition to his inspirational leadership in the Anglican

Communion leading the initiative on Intentional Discipleship, Bishop Moon Hing has also given invaluable guidance and support to the mission of the Anglican Alliance especially in East Asia. As Chair of CCEA, Bishop Moon Hing invited me to share with the CCEA bishops and others about the vision of the Anglican Alliance which serves to connect, equip and inspire the churches and agencies of the Anglican Communion in holistic mission to help the poorest and most vulnerable in our world. Through this process, CCEA lifted up our wonderful first East Asia Facilitator, Ms Annam Arumanayagam, and Bishop Moon Hing has continued to give her valuable advice in this regional

role over many years. Bishop Moon Hing has always demonstrated the spirit of Christian hospitality, welcoming us on visits to his Church and hosting the Anglican Alliance East Asia Forum when it gathered in Kuala Lumpur. I have also witnessed his enthusiasm for youth ministry at a provincial youth event on the Anglican Marks of Mission. Bishop Moon Hing is a Christian leader of remarkable vision, spirituality and pastoral compassion. It has been a blessing to listen to his preaching and the stories of his rich and varied ministry. I now pray for him to have a peaceful retirement, while hoping that we will be able to delight often in his presence in the years to come. **AM**

Tribute from The Rt Revd Peter Tasker

Chair Anglican Overseas Aid

It was in 2006 on a visit to Ipoh that I first met Bishop Moon Hing. He was Vicar of St Peter's where he had been serving for a number of years. I found out that he had come to faith in Christ as a University student in Melbourne, Australia. The first Christian in his family and being thankful to the Lord for bringing him in contact with Christians who were keen to share their faith in Christ, keen that he grew in faith, has meant that evangelism and discipleship became very important to him from his conversion.

It was such a privilege to be taken on a visit to a number of the Village Churches with Bishop and to hear the church members' testimonies of how they came to faith in Christ, and how they had been discipled so

that godly leaders were now evangelizing and discipling in other Villages.

On a visit to Sydney a couple of years ago Bishop Moon Hing addressed the Sydney Anglican Diocese Synod - around 800 members. Members well remember his talk concerning, 'What is the fruit of the mango tree.' Most of us thought that the answer was simple, mangoes! That's all we see on the tree! However, we came to understand that the real fruit is in the seed, another mango tree then another and another!

He pointed us to Matthew 16 where Peter responding to Jesus' question, 'But who do you say I am?' Peter's response, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God' Jesus responds, 'On this rock I will build my



church! The gates of hell will not be able to prevail against it.' We were challenged - do we know how to plant - multiply - grow.

Bishop Moon Hing's commitment to his Lord Jesus Christ, his commitment to Christ's call to evangelise and disciple, has made him a blessing not only to the Diocese of West Malaysia but also to the wider church especially through the Global South. **AM**

Tribute from The Rt Revd Titus Chung

Bishop of Singapore

Bishop, and lately, Archbishop, Datuk Ng Moon Hing has a long association with the Diocese of Singapore. Even before becoming Bishop of West Malaysia, Bishop Ng, or as he is fondly called, Bishop Moon Hing, was already well-known as someone who was passionate about evangelism. In particular, his rural grassroots outreach to the Orang Aslis of Perak won him accolades in the late Canon Michael Green's book, 'Asian Tigers for Christ - The Dynamic Growth of the Church in South East Asia', published in 2001. Bishop Moon Hing's passion for evangelism is coupled with his other passion, that of intentional discipleship. All of us at the Diocese of Singapore were impacted by this infectious twin-passion, because Bishop Moon Hing was very prominently either a participant or a speaker at our various parish, diocesan as well as international missions and evangelism events. Bishop Moon Hing was our Synod speaker in November last year when we were nominating a new bishop. He spoke on the qualities of a bishop; needless to say, evangelism, missions and disciple-making were high on the list!

When he became our provincial Archbishop, Bishop Moon Hing brought his twin-passion not only to our province, but to the larger Anglican Communion. As Archbishop he headed a number of the Communion's missions and evangelism bodies, among which was the Anglican Witness. He inspired many primates and bishops to revive or strengthen their local evangelism and discipleship programmes, seeing them as key to church growth. He wisely encouraged his fellow-primates, especially those from the Global South and GAFCON, to use evangelism and discipleship as means of defending and strengthening Anglican orthodoxy.

Not only was Bishop Moon Hing's twin-passion infectious; his down to earth personality and way of speaking and communicating was equally contagious. Bishop Moon Hing has the gift of making you feel at ease, as if you were his parishioner. He doesn't talk down to you, but he comes alongside you. He engages you at this grassroots level, thus making witnessing and discipling as something we do together, and not something that

only a bishop or clergy can do. This is because Bishop Moon Hing sees every



believer, every parishioner as someone not meant to be sitting in the pew and spoon-fed by the clergy. He sees each one as called by God and filled with his Spirit to be his living and active witness. As his twin-passion resonates deeply with our own Diocese's focus on evangelism and discipleship, Bishop Moon Hing's impact on our Diocese will be extensive and long-lasting!

We wish Bishop Moon Hing a happy retirement and well-deserved "rest" – but I am sure that he will continue to serve the Lord as an evangelist and disciple-maker. We welcome you, Bishop Moon Hing to continue to visit and minister to us, as the Lord permits! **AM**

A Tribute by His Grace, The Most Revd Stephan Than

Archbishop and Primate of the Church of the Province of Myanmar



His Grace Archbishop Stephen
Than Myint Oo

It was an ugly, cloudy day in May 2008, and I was desperate, lying down on the floor of my living room because of the huge destruction caused by Cyclone Nargis in the delta region of Myanmar which is in my Diocese of Yangon, when I heard someone knocking on the door of my house. I opened it. I saw two men, Canon Fred David and Mr Andrew Khoo, carrying big bags full of medicine and funds and they greeted me, “Hi Archbishop, how are you?” This was the sweetest greetings I have ever received in my life. They had been sent by Bishop Ng Moon Hing, the Bishop of the Diocese of West Malaysia. They were the first overseas friends who had entered into Myanmar after passing through the many restrictions set up by the government. Till the day I leave this earth I will never forget such a momentous moment in my life. All alone and with no hope, I walked the men sent by Bishop Moon Hing.

Bishop Moon Hing is a man of God like Abraham to channel God's blessings to others through him. He is also a man of vision, full of God's love, who diligently and wisely manages visions and dreams to come true. In fact, God has blessed the Anglican Communion particularly The Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) through him. He has created opportunities for Myanmar clergy and workers from our Province to study at Seminari Theology Malaysia (STM). He has received Myanmar

migrant workers into the Anglican churches in his Diocese in parishes like St. Paul's, Petaling Jaya, St. John's Church, Ipoh and St. Paul's Church Penang to name a few. He has enhanced the relationship between the Diocese of West Malaysia and Church of the Province of Myanmar by arranging for companion links between the Archdeacons in the Diocese of West Malaysia and Dioceses of CPM. He has shown his love and opened the eyes of clergy and staff from CPM, to visit and to have retreats in his Diocese.

Likewise, he is the one of the prominent leaders in Anglican Communion and as we know, has been entrusted with the leading role of implementing “Intentional Discipleship” for the Anglican Communion worldwide. Intentional Discipleship under his leadership has taken root in many parts of the Anglican Church in the world.

I want to thank God for giving me the privilege to serve together with Bishop Moon Hing for God's Kingdom. We served together in the Anglican Communion as Asian Primates. We served as co-workers in world wide Anglican bodies and movements such as CCEA, Global South and GAFCON etc. with full of love and sincere hearts. I have learnt a lot from Bishop Moon Hing through these experiences – his passion for Mission and Evangelism, wisdom and knowledge, humbleness and kindness, teaching skill and sense of humor, in-depth knowledge of the Word of God and ability to apply it to life situations. I cannot count all the blessings and talents which he has received from God.

Nevertheless, if I may summarize the kind of person he is, I would like to quote the Apostle Paul as he writes in his letter to the Ephesian Church, Chapter 4: 4 – 9. This will be a good reflection of the ministry and life of Bishop Moon Hing.

“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which you have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. (Eph 4: 4 - 9)

CPM will never forget Bishop Moon Hing and his family. He and the Diocese of West Malaysia will be in the hearts of members of CPM forever. I am sure that we will remember him whenever we have “Mon Hinga,” the most famous fish noodle soup of Myanmar. The doors of the CPM will always be open for him, his family and members of the Diocese. Bishop Moon Hing, you and your Diocese will always have a place in the hearts of the Anglicans in Myanmar. God bless you in all your future undertakings for the Kingdom of God. **AM**



Devastation caused by Cylone Nagis

A Tribute by The Most Revd Datuk Melter Jiki Tais

Archbishop and Primate of the Province of South East Asia and Bishop of Sabah



Consecration of the Holy Eucharist at the Installation Service of Archbishop Melter Jiki Tais

“And [Christ] gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” (Eph. 4:11-12)

The Diocese of West Malaysia has been blessed to have such a godly, thoughtful and dynamic chief shepherd in Bishop Datuk Ng Moon Hing for the past thirteen years. I myself have been very blessed to be a fellow labourer in Christ's vineyard with him, especially as a brother in the episcopate.

Born into a staunch Buddhist-Taoist family in Ipoh, Bishop Datuk Moon Hing found and received Christ while studying in Melbourne, Australia. There he joined the Overseas Christian Fellowship (OCF) and worshipped at the Clayton Church of Christ. In the third year of his studies, he felt the call to full-time ministry in the

midst of a season of personal turmoil, but in answering the call, was filled with a sense warmth and peace. I believe that these meaningful experiences in his early walk with Jesus lit a fire in his heart for evangelising to the lost and making faithful disciples of Christ. His subsequent ministry is a testimony to this passion.

Bishop Datuk Moon Hing has been a inspiration to many in the Province, including myself, who have observed how dedicated he has been to church planting, evangelism, and discipleship. St Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:11-12 that Christ has given us apostles, prophets,

evangelists, shepherds and teachers not simply to exercise their own gifts, but to equip others in the Body of Christ for the work of ministry. Hence, Bishop Datuk Moon Hing's efforts to catalyse the Diocese and Province for mission have stressed not the raising of a “special” class of full-time workers but rather equipping and sending out the entire Church into the Lord's harvest.

In Bishop Datuk Moon Hing's life, we can also see the importance of co-operation and mutual encouragement within our Province of South East Asia. One of the events that inspired him to begin the Anglican Village Ministries (AVM)



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was leading a youth mission team to the Sabah Anglican Interior Mission (SAIM) in 1990. AVM has brought the Gospel to many Orang Asli villages, Chinese new villages and urban Indian communities. We in the Diocese of Sabah are honoured to have played a small part in the story of

AVM. Later, Bishop Datuk Moon Hing served for many years as the chair of the Province of South East Asia Missions Services (PROSEAMS), which has been a wonderful vehicle for collaboration in mission throughout our Province. I pray and hope that the Lord will continue to use the partnership of our dioceses in the Province for His praise and glory.

As the 5th Primate of the Province of South East Asia from 2016-2020, Bishop Datuk Moon Hing also played an important role in global Anglicanism. He constantly spoke up about the importance of planting churches, sharing the Gospel and making disciples, even as

many in certain provinces of the Anglican Communion have been neglecting these areas in the last few decades. As a result, he has been appointed to and served on various Communion bodies, such as the Anglican Witness co-ordinating group and the new Church Planting Network.



Archbishop Tais and Bishop Ng going through the booklet of the Installation Service of Archbishop Melter Tais



Brothers in Christ

He also contributed greatly to a key Anglican Communion report, Intentional Discipleship and Disciple-Making, which was published in 2016. He was also elected as the chairman of the Church Council in East Asia (CCEA) for the term 2015-2019. Besides this, in the midst of ongoing tensions in the Communion regarding the revisionist theology and practices of provinces who have abandoned biblical doctrine and morality, Bishop Datuk Moon Hing has stood with leaders in the Global South and allies in the Global North to remain faithful to orthodox Christian faith and Anglican witness.

Finally, I would like to say that I am most grateful to have had Bishop Datuk Moon Hing as a brother in Christ, as a fellow priest and pastor, and a colleague in the Provincial House of Bishops since I became Bishop of Sabah in 2015. I wish him every blessing in his transition to life and ministry in retirement, and I trust that the Lord will continue to use him to bless many in the years ahead. **AM**

A Message from The Most Revd Paul S Sakar

Former Primate of Bangladesh



The Most Revd Paul S Sakar, second from left, with Bishop Ng

It was in 2010, when I took responsibility as the Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh, my predecessor shared with me about Bishop Moon Hing of the Diocese of West Malaysia (DWM). He stated that the DWM was interested in establishing relations with the Church of Bangladesh because of our shared experiences in encountering the Muslim community in Bangladesh as a Church.

Not many initiatives were taken from both sides and thus the development moved very slowly. The Church of Bangladesh first sent a priest Revd Hemen Halder to do a master's course in missiology at Malaysian Theological Seminary. West Malaysia provided his necessary expenses and later his family also went to be with him for a few weeks.

Later on, I went to a CWM programme in Malaysia and I stayed back for a couple of days. My wife joined me this time. Bishop Moon Hing appointed his chaplain Canon Fred David to look after us. We met Bishop Moon at a huge gathering

at his cathedral and I was surprised to see his simplicity and how he mingled with both the Chinese and Indian communities. I could not meet him again as he was very busy. We stayed at Fred's home and he and his family hosted us on behalf of their diocese. Fred took me to Seremban Theological college where one of my classmates of Bishop's College, Revd Dr Albert Walters was staying. It was nice meeting him after a long time and I proposed Albert come to Dhaka as Principal of our St Andrew's theological college. Bishop Moon gave his approval and Albert spent three years in Bangladesh with St Andrew's and the Diocese of West Malaysia paying his salary and related expenses. This was very much appreciated.



Revd Fred David, Archdeacon John Kennedy, Bishop Saurabh Pholia and Bishop Paul Saker

I invited Bishop Moon to visit the Church of Bangladesh and attend the Bishop's Consecration, but he could not manage it. He sent Fred David a few times. Archdeacon John Kennedy joined in the consecration of Bishop Saurabh Pholia in 2017. West Malaysia also invited our delegates for some short training on mission etc. We thank Bishop Moon for all his support during his tenure as Bishop



The Bishops with members of USPAG and the Oxford Mission UK

and then Archbishop of the Province of South East Asia .

I went probably two more times to Malaysia and the last one was for a consultation between Oxford Mission UK and their supported programmes in Bangladesh and Calcutta for future funding. The USPAG Representative, Rachel Parry was there to assist us make plans for the future. We were provided

accommodation and a meeting room at the theological college. After completing our consultation we joined a fellowship gathering and a meal with Bishop Moon where he presented me with a cross of his diocese. I also made a short visit to beautiful Penang and enjoyed the hospitality of Bishop Charles Samuel.

Archbishop Moon and I were together in the task force of the Anglican Communion that was engaged in dialogue to resolve the conflict on 'same-sex controversial issue'. Where Archbishop Moon contributed the perspective of South and South East Asia. I was invited to attend the 'Freedom of Religious Rights and Minorities' consultation at Lambeth Palace and we both stayed at Lambeth Place guest house. Archbishop Moon Hing presented a short paper on it. It provided us some time to share our struggles and hope of our Churches and Anglican Communion.

Through my visits and communication with the Diocese of West Malaysia, I learnt how Archbishop Moon was able to

advance the evangelistic work of his Diocese, and not only within Malaysia, but beyond Malaysia. His Diocese was also helping the refugees in Malaysia from Rakhine state and other areas of Myanmar. His humble and influential role in the Anglican Communion and Global South especially on behalf of South East Asia is very greatly appreciated. He also played a vital role in building up discipleship and stewardship in his church and it seems that the diocese has enough resources for God's works now. His life and ministry as a leader in a struggling Church in the context of a pluralistic faith and society is remarkable.

Though, we did not have the opportunity to further deepen our relationship, I praise God I was able to learn enough from our meetings with each other and enjoy our partnership. There is no doubt that Archbishop Moon has been instrumental in the growth and development of the Diocese of West Malaysia. This is evident in the spiritual formation of his flock. May God bless him and his wife as they step down from their responsibility and be with them through their retired lives. I am sure Bishop Moon has something to do for God's kingdom as a committed disciple of Christ. We thank and appreciate him very much for our relationship with the West Malaysia Diocese. I conclude my short tribute to Archbishop Moon Hing with the words of Jesus.

Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mathew 28: 16-20) **AM**



Bishop Charles Samuel, Bishop Paul Saker with Bishop Saurabh Pholia

Tributes from Anglican Communion Friends



Revd Canon John Kafwanka
Director for Mission,
Anglican Communion Office, UK

I came to know Bishop Ng Moon Hing around 2009 when he was appointed to be part of a working group, the Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative (ECGI), in the Mission Department of the Anglican Communion of which I am the Director. I was later to learn that among us we had a Church Planter, one who had worked in one parish for 20 years since his ordination and had planted more than 50 churches within that time!

ECGI was chaired by Bishop Patrick Yu from the Toronto Diocese in Canada and Bishop Moon Hing became the group's Vice Chairperson. In 2012, ECGI changed its name to Anglican Witness. Upon Bishop Patrick Yu's retirement in 2015, Bishop Moon Hing was appointed to Chair Anglican Witness, and that work concluded in 2016 with an important report and recommendation for the Anglican Communion to put emphasis on Discipleship Intentional Discipleship: Jesus Shaped Life (JSL) was born. In 2017, Archbishop Moon Hing was invited to chair a new Coordinating Group to spearhead Intentional Discipleship in the Anglican Communion, the role he still holds in the Anglican Communion, leading the widespread embracing of the vision to equip the whole people of God for whole life discipleship among Churches across the Anglican Communion.

In 2011, Bishop Moon Hing invited the group to meet in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

This included an opportunity to attend the Provincial Gathering which was taking place that year in Penang. The group was treated to what I can only describe as lavish hospitality we had not experienced anywhere. For some of us it was this first time we not only had a 13-course meal, but also ate and subsequently fell in love with the 'durian', something that has



remarkably become a point of reference in my friendship with Bishop Moon Hing since then.

Since 2009, the group met each year in a different locations of the Anglican Communion to familiarise itself with and appreciate the mission realities in the various contexts of the Anglican Communion. Over the years, the group has held meetings in London (UK), Nairobi (Kenya), Toronto (Canada), and recently Lusaka (Zambia).

Not long after I met Bishop Moon Hing, I was struck by the sense of his Simplicity, Openness and Transparency. I quickly discovered that 'what you saw at face value was what you would see all the time.' There was nothing hidden, nothing beyond the surface. This coupled with his sense of Humility makes Bishop Moon Hing an Approachable person and easy to talk to, and someone you instantly feel free to share anything with.

Bishop Moon Hing is a remarkably Generous person with a Big Heart, who does not seem to count the cost on his side, whether it is in time or material things. He has time for anything regardless of

rank or status and makes himself available to anyone who needs him, his wisdom, compassion, or simply to have fun and laugh.

One thing that I must mention is that Bishop Hing has a dry (and 'wicked') sense of humour. He is a storyteller and makes people laugh and simply have fun. But Bishop Moon Hing is also a missionary with a 'missionary stomach' who is able to eat anything in his travels around the world, including food that is spelt differently, such 'duck' for 'dog'.

At personal level, Bishop Moon Hing, has been a dear friend, a mentor, a companion, a father, my Chairperson, my Bishop, my Archbishop, my boss, and above all, a fellow disciple and follower of Jesus Christ. I have learnt a lot from Bishop Moon Hing about life, faith, mission and ministry, leadership, and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and I have been enriched by his unconditional love, care and support over the years I have had the opportunity to interact with him. He is the sort of person I want to be with all the time.

In 2018, Bishop Moon Hing invited my family and I to visit the Diocese of West Malaysia. I had long wanted to take my family to Malaysia and experience for themselves the warmth of hospitality among the Malaysians and Archbishop Moon Hing that I had so many times enjoyed when I visited, and of course for them to sample what is my favourite fruit, the durian.

None of the attributes mentioned above changed when Bishop Moon Hing was elected to the office of Archbishop and Primate of the Church of the Province of South East Asia. He remained simple, approachable, generous and kind, loving, compassionate, and humble.

Over the years I have learnt that Bishop Moon is uncompromisingly passionate about Jesus Christ and the Gospel of salvation and the desire to grow God's Kingdom here on earth. He brought this

passion to the ECGI, through to Anglican Witness and to Intentional Discipleship: Jesus Shaped Life. He is a teacher of the Gospel, he is an Evangelist, a Church Planter, and he is Disciple-maker.

In his sermon at his installation as Archbishop and Primate of the Province of South East Asia in February 2016, he said words that have stuck with me since as I listened along with others in a packed and overflowing St Mary's Cathedral in Kuala Lumpur, as he was concluding:

"I believe the best way to plant churches and grow dioceses is to make disciples; the best way to counter extremism & terrorism is to make disciples; the best way to stay above water in the atmosphere of secularism, atheism and capitalism is to make disciples. There is no short cut to making disciples. It needs vision, intentionality, planning, perseverance, love, passion, commitment, focus & the Holy Spirit's guidance."

He has spoken at various events in the Communion as a keynote speaker, Biblical exposition facilitator, workshops and seminars. He takes every opportunity that comes his way to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He is an encourager who sees the best side in every person, and has touched many people across the Anglican Communion with the love of Jesus Christ.

Bishop Moon Hing has a rare breed of leadership that the Church and the World needs today. He is an Inspirational person and leader who has inspired many people across the Anglican Communion, not only when he speaks but much more through his personal life and demeanour. He is a true disciple of Jesus Christ and it has been a huge blessing and privilege to have had the opportunity not only to know him but to have served under his leadership over ten years. He has been and continues to be a gift to the Anglican Communion and his contributions to the mission life of the Anglican Communion will remain effective for many years to come.



Rev'd Canon Robert Sihubwa **St. Peter's Parish Priest**

Lusaka, Zambia Youth and Children's Coordinator - Church of the Province of Central Africa

Archbishop Moon Hing has been inspirational to me in the areas of Leadership focus, consistency in the promotion of Discipleship and Church growth. At the same time he is a very approachable person and down to earth yet carrying a high level of responsibility. He has been a blessing beyond Malaysia to the nations of the world. The Parish of St. Peter's in Lusaka, Zambia has benefited from what I learnt and continue to learn from his humble heart of service. Archbishop you remain in our prayers and we wish you the very best in the years ahead.



The Revd Canon Stephanie Spellers

Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Creation Care, The Episcopal Church, USA

Archbishop Moon Ng is a treasure, not only to the church in Malaysia but to the entire

Communion. While serving by his side on the Coordinating Group for Intentional Discipleship, and in particular while visiting the churches of Malaysia, I have been inspired by his vision for thriving Christian communities, his charisma for discipleship, and his infectious laughter and warm spirit. Archbishop Moon's love for Jesus makes everyone around him feel closer to our Lord and Saviour. I pray God will bless him as he turns this corner and embraces new adventures in the Spirit. Alleluia and amen!



Rt Revd Martin Breytenbach

(Retired Bishop: Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist), South Africa

It has been a joy to share in fellowship, mission and ministry with Bishop (and Archbishop) Moon Hing. I appreciate his infectious joy and vibrancy in Christ. I have been challenged by his no-nonsense approach to making disciples and planting churches. I have enjoyed his deep teaching, full of fun and humour – particularly at Anglicans Ablaze in 2018. I am encouraged by the way he sees every challenge or obstacle as an opportunity for mission and growth. I love his humble, serving attitude – here is a Bishop (and Archbishop) who is completely approachable, a fellow pilgrim who is fulfilling his calling with love and courage. I am inspired by the way he is always raising up others for ministry and giving them opportunities to serve God. It has been very special to serve with him in the 'Jesus-Shaped Life' group of the Anglican Communion, and hope that will continue!

I am sure that Bishop Moon Hing will continue to serve God, the church and God's mission in his retirement because that is what his life is all about. May it be a new season of great joy and fulfilment.



Revd Canon Mark Oxbrow

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I first met a young Revd Moon Hing Ng in 1995 when, accompanied by an equally young and energetic Revd Fred David, he attended the Church Mission Society (CMS) WorldReach consultation in the UK. As a director of CMS at the time I remember listening with growing excitement to an Anglican priest, yes an Anglican, talking about planting churches. I believe the Anglican Village Ministries (AVM) had been launched just two years earlier. The description which Moon Hing gave us of this holistic indigenous ministry based on the model of Jesus caught the imagination of many at WorldReach. The model's grounding in social, economic and spiritual realities and focus on evangelism and leadership development have been the basis of much of my own thinking about church growth ever since.

AVM has, of course only been one small part of Archbishop Moon Hing's wonderful pilgrimage of service and witness to his Lord and Saviour. I have been privileged to continue 'crossing paths' with Canon, then Bishop and now, Archbishop Moon Hing over the past 25 years and on several continents – at Provincial gatherings,

with Global South bishops, at mission consultations and most recently as he has led the Communion's engagement with Intentional Discipleship. Thank you Moon Hing for your humility, your faith, your leadership and your tenacious commitment to discipleship, to seeing God glorified in ordinary lives.

One small sign of the humility of a man whom God has used in such wonderful ways is that I can still write an email to 'canonmoon' and it will reach an archbishop! In the final analysis, archbishops and small children are all just disciples of the Lord.



Rt Revd Nick Drayson

*Bishop of the Diocese of Northern
Argentina, Argentina*

It has been a delight and a privilege to get to know Archbishop Moon Hing, during the last few years: on the ACC, in the SID groups, and during our memorable visit to Malaysia. His enthusiasm for discipleship, his care of each of us, and his exemplary leadership in his own Province and diocese, as well as in the Anglican Communion, have been an inspiration. As he moves on to new pastures in his own geographical area, we wish him all strength and joy, and look forward to continuing to work together in discovering how to grow a culture of discipleship worldwide. Every blessing,



Revd Bernard Bisoke Balikenga

*National Youth Coordinator, Anglican
Church in Democratic Republic of Congo
(DRC)*

Archbishop Moon, since we have been together in discipleship program, is a Father for me, since our first meeting in London, then from there he is a very good father for me. And when we went to Malaysia to his Province for our consultation, the way all people there welcomed me was really amazing. I was really surprised with all he had done for us there. He loves people and he likes to help and share his experiences, which is helping me to work well now here in Congo. In his work for God, I learn more from him, and he loves to share his experiences and he appreciates a lot those who are working for God. He makes people happy all the time in meetings.

Being an Archbishop is big personality, but he is really my good friend and humble to everyone. When we were in Malaysia after our consultation, I was sent to Melaka and there I was so welcomed and up to now I still have all the good things which I learnt from Malaysia and Archbishop Moon Hing.

If God is still keeping us alive, I would like to go and visit him in Malaysia again. We still need Archbishop Moon because his experiences are really good for us, and even our Archbishop of Congo wants him to come and share his experiences to our Bishops and clergy.

He loves people, he likes to share in order to build up others for God's work. He is

generous and always likes to give us books other materials. God continue to bless him.

Thanks a lot for your good work, Archbishop Moon Hing.



Revd Jolyon Trickey

*Coordinator, Season of Intentional Discipleship
Anglican Communion Office, UK*

As one late to the party I have greatly appreciated Archbishop Moon Hing's leadership of the Intentional Discipleship agenda and team. He combines a clear personal insight and passion for church growth with a gracious and unassuming manner, welcoming and drawing out the best in others. I love the gentle and practical wisdom that Moon Hing brings to bear as well as his approachability and his indifference to status and title. He strikes me as a true follower of Jesus first and only then a Bishop or Archbishop. He leads by example: always available, even at anti-social hours and often the first to respond to emails or queries sent to the whole team. If he offers to do something or contact someone, it is done!

It has been a pleasure to work with Bishop Moon and I am sure we will continue to find common cause in promoting Jesus Shaped Life & Church Planting. **AM**

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Episcopal Ministry of Bishop Ng

by Archdeacon Venerable Dr Stephen Soe Chee Cheng



Almighty and ever-living Father, before whose face the generations rise and fall, we give You thanks and praise for all the blessings of this day, and for all the ways, in season and out of season, that You provide for us.

In this season and on this day, we ask for Your Holy presence to be upon this congregation as it gathers in memory and hope to thank and bless this, your servant, Bishop Moon Hing, at the conclusion of his episcopacy in the Diocese of West Malaysia.

Thank you for blessing our church with his humble leadership, priestly ministry, and a deep love for the Lord. You have blessed us in so many ways.

We give You thanks for those early promptings of Your gentle Spirit that stirred his heart to consider this holy calling, together with his wife Bisfe Siew Lan. As “young men shall see visions and old men shall dream dreams,” we praise You for the persistent vision that led him through long years of service as a minister of Your Word. We thank You for bestowing the necessary graces upon him for carrying out the work to which You called him. Through trials

and temptations Your eternal presence strengthened and comforted him. In the dry seasons You provided him with living water to restore his soul. Your unseen hand supported him with the courage needed for the struggles to make real the love of Jesus Christ by Word and deed. In the face of disappointments You surprised him again and again with unexpected joy.

Lord God, without whose daily grace none can stand, as Bishop Moon Hing concludes his days of active service, remind him that Your ways are not his ways, and Your thoughts are not his thoughts, and that the seeds he sowed and planted and watered during his ministry often only bear fruit in Your good time, unseen and unknown except by You.

Our times are in Your hands, O God. Bless Bishop Moon Hing, now in this new season of his life and this new chapter in his calling, that his remaining years may be full and fruitful and assure him of his place, by Your grace, among the great cloud of witnesses, living and dead, who have witnessed to Your truth and lived out Your love. And when his days come to an end grant him the gift of peace and the assurance of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **AM**

